Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Wednesday 27 Jan 2021 until 23:59 on Thursday 28 Jan 2021

Forecast Issued on Tuesday 26 Jan 2021 at 16:41 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for remaining very cold with a generally fine day Wednesday and for a more settled spell Friday and Saturday, but lower for details of northward extent of snow on Thursday and timing of fronts pushing east on Sunday.

Headline for Wednesday 27 Jan 2021: Becoming mainly dry with some long sunny spells developing. Very cold.

Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 27 Jan 2021

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy Snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales No Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** High Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Low Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Cloudy	Cloudy	Partly cloudy (night)	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Sunny	Clear night	Clear night
Precipitation probability							
20%	20%	20%	10%	<05%	<05%	00%	00%

Forecast for Wednesday 27 Jan 2021

Weather: Cloudy but some clearer spells towards dawn with a few light snow showers possible. A bright morning, perhaps still an odd light snow showers around, but sunny spells developing more widely through the morning. The afternoon looks dry with sunshine becoming almost unbroken then a dry and clear evening.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: Around 25% improving close to 100% by early afternoon.

Visibility: Periods of cloud above 600m at first gradually lifting and breaking with little or no cloud expected below summits by early afternoon. Away from cloud visibility very good with good panoramic views of surrounding snow covered hills, falling to just a few kilometres in any snow or snow showers. Glare off lying snow is expected, especially in afternoon.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	12/16 E	12/16 E	12/17 E	12/17 E	13/19 E	16/24 E	19/28 E	23/33 E	27/39 E
900	12/16 E	13/17 E	12/17 E	13/18 E	14/20 E	19/27 E	22/31 E	25/36 E	29/40 E
600	10/14 E	10/14 E	9/15 E	10/15 E	11/18 E	13/22 E	16/25 E	18/30 E	20/33 E
300	8/14 E	7/14 E	7/14 E	8/14 E	8/16 E	10/19 E	11/21 E	13/24 E	14/27 E
Glen	10/13 E	9/15 E	9/14 E	10/16 E	12/19 E	13/21 E	15/23 E	16/26 E	18/29 E

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	-4/-9	-4/-10	-4/-10	-4/-11	-5/-11	-5/-12	-6/-14	-6/-15	-6/-15
900	-3/-9	-3/-9	-4/-10	-4/-10	-4/-10	-4/-12	-5/-13	-5/-14	-6/-15
600	-1/-5	-1/-6	-2/-6	-2/-6	-1/-6	-2/-7	-3/-9	-3/-10	-3/-10
300	-1/-4	-1/-4	-0/-4	-1/-5	0/-4	-0/-5	-3/-8	-3/-9	-3/-9
Glen	2/-1	2/-2	2/-1	2/-2	3/-1	3/-2	1/-4	1/-5	1/-5
Freezing Level*	300m	300m	300m	200m	200m	100m	00m	00m	00m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Sheltered northern valley temperatures close around minus 5 Celsius at dawn and falling below freezing this evening.

Forecast for Thursday 28 Jan 2021

Weather: Dry with long clear or sunny spells at first but becoming cloudier from the southwest. Outbreaks of mainly light snow expected to reach the south of the area around midday and then edge north through the afternoon and evening, however there is some doubt over the northern extent of the snow.

Maximum wind: Easterly or southeasterly 25-30mph, with a severe chill effect, in early hours easing 20mph through the morning and then 15mph later

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: Close to 100% through morning falling to 25% across the south, but nearer 75% in the north during the afternoon.

Visibility: Little or no cloud below summits through the morning then periods developing above 600m across the south in the afternoon with cloud more occasional in the north. Away from cloud, very good falling to just a few kilometres in snow later.

Temperature: **Glens:** Around minus 5 or 6 Celsius at dawn rising to Around plus 1 or 2 Celsius by day
At 800m: Around minus 5 Celsius
Freezing level: 300m or less

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